IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2009

To: Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 10, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application, the following remarks are submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

A detailed listing of the claims is provided below. A status identifier is provided for each claim in a parenthetical expression following each claim number.